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Takamatsu et al. )  
For: END STOP FOR SLIDE )  
FASTENER AND SLIDE )  
FASTENER HAVING THE SAME )  
Serial No.: 10/518,150 )  
Filed: December 17, 2004 )  
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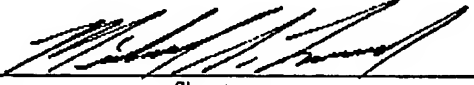
1. Amendment Transmittal (1 pg.); and
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Applicant(s): S. Takamatsu et al.					
Application No. 10/518,150	Filing Date December 17, 2004	Examiner Robert John Sandy	Customer No. 43793	Group Art Unit 3677	Confirmation No. 9963
Invention: END STOP FOR SLIDE FASTENER AND SLIDE FASTENER HAVING THE SAME					
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 7, 2006.

The Office Action entered an election requirement between the following patentably distinct species.

Specie I, Figs. 1-10, 22 and 23 having the specific "rod-like body 6."

Specie II, Figs. 11-20, 24 and 25 having the specific "sheet-like body 7."

The Office Action states that claims 1 and 11 are generic to Species I and II, claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9 correspond to Specie I and claims 3, 6, 8 and 10 correspond to Specie II.

In response, Applicants elect Specie I, Figs. 1-10, 22 and 23, and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Claims 1 and 11 are generic. Also, Applicants submit Figs. 21 and 26-28 are generic to Species I and II and should be considered.

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Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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